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CHAMPION THE WONDER HORSES

WILD horses have been released on to a nature reserve in Sellindge - in a bid to protect the natural fenland habitat. And, what's more, locals are being urged to help the animals as they get used to life in the wild. FULL STORY - SEE PAGE 4.

EXCLUSIVE

BY ED HILL

PLANS to build a medical centre aimed at providing post-operation care for OAPs and easing pressure on the William Harvey Hospital are being held up by a wrangle over land.

Hyten Services wants to build a £5 million intermediate care centre on land close to the hospital which it claims will ease the financial burden currently on the health service.

It would also create more than 100 jobs.

But it is currently in limbo as neighbouring landowners dispute the siting of a road required to access the proposed new centre.

Hyten's Ernest Thwaite told Yourashford: "Two years ago I got planning permission to build an 88-bed centre which would employ around 120 people.

"The advantage of this centre is that we could provide the care that people need but at a much lower cost than the main hospital.

"But the delays we have now encountered are very frustrating. I'm ready to start work on this tomorrow. The hold-up relates to the road which will cut across land owned by others."

The centre would provide support and care for OAPs after surgery.

Mr Thwaite says the multi-million pound centre would also help to reduce 'bed-blocking' problems encountered at the hospital which sees patients unable to care for themselves remain on wards.

The lack of beds was highlighted just last week when the hospital came close to capacity.

The centre would accommodate patients whose

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Be aware of drink danger this Yuletide

■ BY ED HILL

A CAMPAIGN urging revellers to celebrate Christmas and the New Year safely has been launched by police.

Targeted primarily at young people who intend to mark the festive season and turning of the year with heavy drinking sessions, it is looking to warn of the possible dangers lurking behind too much alcohol.

It includes a mock leaflet showing the attractions of Ashford police station as a hotel for the night.

David Griffiths police licensing and enforcement officer for Ashford police said: "We are highlighting the need to take stronger responsibility for your own actions and also about the consequences of drinking too much."

The campaign – part of the county-wide Safer Winter project – tries to highlight the negative side of drink to image-conscious young men and women.

Mr Griffiths said: "It's good to have a drink with your friends and have a good time, but over-indulging can lead to stupid things happening and younger people looking foolish."

Mr Griffiths said police were particularly concerned about the effect too much drink was having on young women.

He said: "We are very concerned with females at the moment; there does seem to be a bit of a trend of them drinking more. Young women can make themselves very vulnerable if they leave a night club drunk."

The campaign is being backed by local pubs and bars in the town.

Tom Dixon, owner of the George Hotel and chairman of Pubwatch, said: "The image conscious campaign is a very hard hitting one that I think will shock people."

"One too many can turn you over the edge. This is when people make rash decisions. Something that may seem funny can lead to some tragic



OVER THE LIMIT: Police want young people to take responsibility for their actions

endings for people."

Mr Griffiths said Ashford was generally a safe place at Christmas compared to many towns.

He said: "Ashford's problems in this area are not particularly bad, I think this is partly to do with the work done by community safety officers during the rest of the year."

He also highlighted areas where people should take care.

He said: "If you are with a group of friends people generally look after each other but you should be aware of how much you are drinking. Organise a taxi for when you leave and keep in the group that you know."

'We should be able to go ahead'

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

care would be paid for by the primary care trust as well as some private patients. Mr Thwaite said it would also take patients referred to it by social services.

He said: "The building could not proceed straight away because we had to wait until the work at junction 10 of the M20 had finished. But now that is complete we should be able to go ahead."

Other parties involved with the land include the private health care company Netcare which wants to build a 50-bed hospital on the land and local property firm Hinxhill Estate.

Mr Thwaite said: "We all have to agree to a land swap between Netcare and the William Harvey Hospital and agree to the building of the road."

"People say we want these things built and then nothing happens."

Cllr Jane Marriott chair of the planning committee said: "Land ownership can cause problems. There may be access issues that the parties involved have to work out themselves. Unfortunately sometimes these problems can be insurmountable."

Gareth Williams, trustee of the Hinxhill Estate said: "We sold the land five years ago to a developer working in tandem with the hospital. At that time there were certain obligations in the deal for a road, amongst other things. We are just waiting for those original obligations to be fulfilled."

"We want the project to go ahead." Netcare and the William Harvey hospital failed to comment when contacted.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Football manager will recover from stroke

FORMER Ashford Town FC manager Tommy Sampson is expected to make a full recovery after suffering a stroke.

Sampson, 53, is currently in hospital in Maidstone after the health setback last Wednesday.

He led Ashford from 2000-01, having made his name with Deal Town, leading them to triumph in the 2000 FA Vase at Wembley.

The stroke left him partially paralysed down his left side – although doctors say he will be make a full return to health.

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Monorail could put town back on track

Support grows for ambitious futuristic railway

BY ED HILL

PROPOSALS for a multi-million pound state-of-the-art monorail are picking up speed after local MP Damian Green and town business chiefs gave it their blessing.

But all were united in agreeing the costs of the futuristic project must be made to add up before any agreement will be signed to allow construction to begin.

Yet some say it would be the perfect tonic to allow the town to put behind it the disappointment of the cut in Eurostar services from the international station.

The Ashford Construction Focus Group recently presented proposals to the council for the monorail scheme which would link the Designer Outlet centre with the town centre.

However, the ambitious scheme would cost between £2m to £10m per kilometre to build. A feasibility study alone will cost between £80,000-150,000 according to the focus group.

Mr Green told Yourashford: "It is something



AMBITIOUS: Ashford Construction Focus Group says monorail would link up the town centre with the Designer Outlet

that will divide local opinion as all big proposals do, but it is an imaginative project and I welcome anything that is inventive and that would help to put Ashford on the map.

"Ashford needs these type of landmark projects that will draw people from further afield.

"The construction of such a scheme is expensive and we would have to be absolutely clear about the cost and the financial viability of the project before we went ahead."

Richard Lavender, chairman of the economic development group of the Invicta Chamber of Commerce, which represents businesses in the borough, said they were behind the scheme

"100 per cent" and were now awaiting a feasibility study report.

He said: "The scheme makes a lot of sense because we will not have a lot of space for parking once the town centre is pedestrianised.

"This is something that we need to embrace for the future of the town. We need to put things like losing Eurostar behind us."

Jo James from the Chamber added: "We need something that will help to create an identity for Ashford. We don't have obvious attractions such as the cathedral in Canterbury."

Proposals are still at an early stage and at present no public consultation has taken place.

Hopefuls turn up to try for a giant part in short-film

MORE than 100 people auditioned for the part of the voice of Flora the Singleton Giant at open auditions held in the town centre on Saturday.

They were hoping to be selected to flex their vocal talents either as the giant herself or the narrator of a short-film entitled Flora's Tale.

It is being made to mark the opening of the £1.7million eco-friendly Singleton Environment Centre in the spring.

Flora the Giant was created 18 months ago to showcase the developing community in Singleton.

Chris Dixon, arts project co-ordinator at the council, who attended the auditions at County Square, said: "It was a great response from all the shoppers in town.

"The youngest person we saw was five and the oldest was in their 80s, so we now have our work cut out over the Christmas period to listen back to the recordings and select the perfect voices."

The winners will be announced in January with the recording taking place in February.

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See the reindeer at the Rare Breeds Centre in Woodchurch on our site

Donations wanted at Giving Tree

GENEROUS townsfolk can once again help youngsters by donating gifts and cash to County Square's Giving Tree campaign.

The tree, situated in the centre, allows shoppers to donate presents by picking up a tag on the tree – or simply posting a donating into the post box next to it.

Proceeds from the money raised will go towards the Demelza children's hospice charity. The charity provides hospice care for more than 450 children in the South East.

Among the items the money will go towards will be the likes of oxygen masks for youngsters to respite care for exhausted parents.

Frances Burt commercial manager for County Square said: "Last year we took five sacks of presents to the children's hospice and were completely overwhelmed with people's generosity. It would be fabulous to do the same again or even better this year."

County Square is currently undergoing a major expansion programme with the new-look centre set to be unveiled, on budget, and on time, in March.

First time on luge more scary than Basra, says soldier

HURTLING down a rock-hard ice track at 60mph might not be everyone's idea of a holiday but if you are used to being shot at in Iraq it comes as a welcome break.

Trooper Terry Trap, 25, from High Halden, is one of 70 soldiers taking part in this year's Army Ice Camp being held in Calgary in Canada.

Mr Trap has been skidding down the Olympic bobsleigh track head-first on a luge with his face just inches from the ground.

Mr Trap is a Challenger tank driver with the Royal Tank Regiment based in Tidworth, Wiltshire. Despite never having touched a Skeleton Bob before he has been reaching speeds in excess of 60 miles an hour on the Olympic course.

He said: "The first time down the track, it was so scary. It was the scariest thing I have ever done. At least in Basra you know what you are doing. This has been an excellent week away from work something completely different."

The Army Winter Sports Association was formed by Field



FAST TRACK: Terry Trap on his luge in Canada

Marshal Montgomery in 1948 to act as antidote to operations.

Mr Trap said: "I have not actually crashed but I hammered a wall the other day. The glances are not too bad but that really hurt."

Mr Trap returned from Iraq at the end of last month. He joined the Army last year.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man pleads not guilty to teacher's car park murder

THE man charged with murdering teacher Louise Evans, from Hothfield, has pleaded not guilty at Maidstone Crown Court.

Keith Prest, 48, of no fixed address, denied the charge when he appeared at the court last Friday.

Miss Evans was working as an English literacy teacher at East Sutton Park open prison near Maidstone at the time of the attack. She was found behind her car with stab wounds.

Prest will be remanded in custody until his trial in September next year.

Winter illness leads to bed shortage at hospital

WILLIAM Harvey Hospital bosses put themselves on a state of red alert last Wednesday, after admissions threatened to leave them unable to accept more patients.

The 24-hour alert was called as the hospital in Willesborough edged close to capacity as winter bugs and an increase in accident and emergency admissions rose.

A spokesman for the East Kent NHS Hospitals Trust said bed shortages during the winter months can occur as more people fall ill.

Railway tickets the ideal way to catch Santa early

THE Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch railway will be running Santa Specials right up until Christmas Eve.

The £12.50 tickets include the return rail fare from Hythe to New Romney, a carefully chosen present for every child under 15 and seasonal refreshments for all the family, plus entry to the model railway exhibition.

Meanwhile, Mince Pie Special trains will run from December 29 until January 1.

For more information call Mr Clarke on 01797 362 353 or email tclarke@rhdr.org.

Unsigned bands called to join next year's festival

LOCAL bands have the chance to have a crack at the big time and perform in front of thousands at the annual festival staged at Port Lympne in July.

The Unsigned Heroes competition offers local groups the chance to win VIP tickets to the festival and the chance to perform. And if they impress locally, they could be in with a chance of the ultimate prize – a stage slot at the Glastonbury Festival.

For details and how to apply log-on to www.unsignedheroes.co.uk.

Grazing habits will help protect nature reserve

Horses to roam free at fenland

■ BY ED HILL

A HERD of wild horses has been released to roam on a nature reserve near Sellindge this week, as part of an innovative project to maintain threatened fenland.

The scheme, run by the Wildwood Trust and White Cliffs Countryside Project, will see a small herd of wild horses released at the Gibbons Brook nature reserve off Brook Lane.

The Konik horses are closely related to the now extinct Tarpan breed from which all modern-day horses have evolved.

The animals are uniquely adapted to deal with the demanding fenland on which they will be placed.

The nature reserve is one of only three fenland sites left in the county. It is hoped the horses, through natural grazing, will maintain the fenland which is threatened by scrub encroachment and encourage more biodiversity on the land.

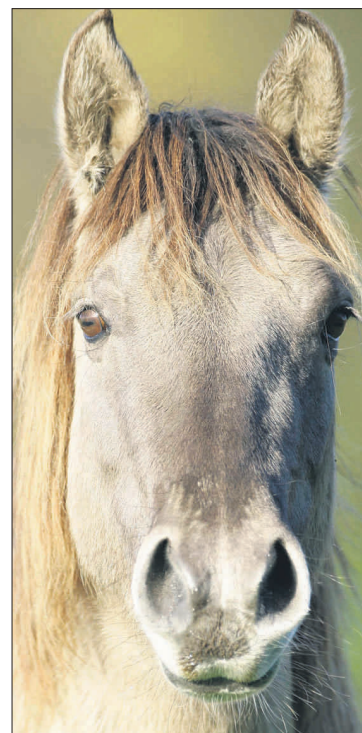
Martyn Nicholls from the Kent-based Wildwood Trust said: "Initially, we have released five horses onto the site. These are amazing animals we and the Kent Wildlife Trust have imported from Holland and which we have successfully bred at other sites."

Mr Nicholls said that the breed had a similar relationship to modern horses as the wolf has to dogs.

He said: "These are very similar to the horses the Mongol hordes would have ridden across the plains of Russia. They would have roamed Britain in prehistoric times."

A similar scheme was launched in recent months on the North Kent coast, when horses were released on to the South Swale nature reserve for a similar purpose.

Mr Nicholls said: "These horses are an excellent land management tool. Not only do they control scrub but their manure encourages a wide



LAND MANAGEMENT: Koniks grazing will help maintain fenland threatened by scrub encroachment

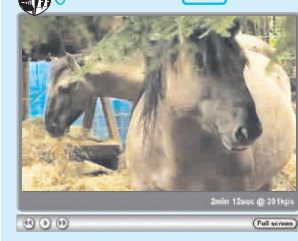
range of insects. Initially the horses will need some looking after and we want to get local people involved with the care of the animals.

"There is a local school nearby and we want to train the children to look after the horses. After a while however they should become self supporting. Part of the Wildwood Trust's core aims is to reintroduce these wild herbivores that maintain the land so effectively."

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A trot through history

THE history of the Konik horse – released this week onto a nature reserve in Sellindge – is a complicated one involving mad Nazi scientists and genetic flukes; and you can see them for yourselves on our free broadband website, www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Martyn Nicholls from the Wildwood Trust said: "When the Tarpan became extinct it was noticed by Polish scientists that their dominant genetic strain was still coming through in the domestic herd."

"The horses have a distinct mousey grey coat and zebra like stripes on their legs. They then embarked on a breeding programme to increase the number of the breed."

Nazi scientists stole many because they wanted to create what they thought would be a pure Arian horse. Images of the horse featured prominently on their propaganda but the horses were eaten by the people of Berlin in the desperate conditions in the city at the end of the war.

Fortunately, a few still remained in Poland and they are now used extensively across Europe for conservation projects.

Earlier this year, we sent a camera crew to see the horses at South Swale nature reserve – the forerunner to the Sellindge project – and you can log-on and watch the footage for yourself at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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PLANS: One of the proposals for land in Bybrook, which angry residents say should be retained as a play area

Public need to have more say on eco-homes

MORE public consultation is needed for a ground-breaking zero carbon home development proposal in Bybrook, a councillor has warned.

Yourashford revealed the depth of feeling in the community to the controversial plans to build 19 new homes on land at Beechholme Drive last week.

Residents – in particular, community group the Kennington Forum – say the land is a popular play area and should remain as such, while the council is set to hand the land to developers, claiming it was a rubbish dumping ground and an eye-sore.

Cllr Michael Cloughton, who represents neighbouring Bockhanger ward, said: "I raised the issue at full council because I was asked to, specifically by people at the Kennington Forum, who are by and large against the development."

The scheme has been put forward by the Hyde Housing Association and Ashford council.

The design of the homes includes extensive use of solar energy and a biomass heating system to bring it to the highest level of zero carbon homes. It was dubbed 'the Green Dream for Bybrook'.

■ BY ED HILL

The development is still subject to full council agreement, planning approval and a grant from the Housing Association, but if it does get the go-ahead, work could start next autumn and be complete by 2009. Plans were showcased at a recent public presentation.

Mr Cloughton said: "I hope we can further consult with people in the neighbourhood."

Survey

"Perhaps a door-to-door survey should be carried out because then you get a much better idea of what people actually think. Presentations tend to attract the people who are against the schemes."

"All that is agreed at the moment is that the piece of land is going to be sold off."

Dean Spurrell, spokesman for Ashford council, said: "At the moment we are at the very early stages of the plans. I think there are concerns that this has already been decided on, but we have not reached that stage yet."

"There is going to be a lot more consultation before anything goes ahead, but at some point we would like to build an eco friendly development on that site."

Chip's a dedicated cycling fanatic

QUITE why a chip on a plastic fork found itself watching the Tour de France is anyone's guess... but you can see for yourself the view the chip had as the world's top cyclists whizzed before it in July.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Robber used crowbar in midnight attack at club

POLICE are hunting a crowbar-wielding robber who attacked a 58-year-old man in Willesborough.

The attack occurred just after midnight near the cricket ground on Hythe Road on Wednesday, December 12, police revealed.

The man was locking up after an event at the club when the attacker demanded money from him. He was then hit by the crowbar, causing head and shoulder injuries. He was treated at the William Harvey Hospital and later released.

The robber ran off towards an alleyway next to the ground.

The offender is described as aged late 20s to early 30s. He is between 5ft 10 in to 6ft tall with an athletic build. He had a scarf across his mouth and was wearing a grey hoodie with the hood over his head and face. He wore dark clothing on his legs and black, possibly woollen, gloves.

If you have any information or witnessed the attack, call police on 01303 289180.

Make sure you don't get festive food poisoning

MAKE sure your turkey and trimmings don't come back to haunt you this Christmas by checking out how to avoid food poisoning.

Ashford council has established a safer eating area on its website as part of its special festive section designed to avoid food poisoning.

The page gives advice on defrosting, preparing and cooking your Christmas turkey.

The site also includes refuse collection dates and parking and shopping information. Log-on to www.ashford.gov.uk and click on the 'Festive Information' link on the right hand side.

Step back in time with Zulu battle lectures

HISTORIAN Ian Knight will be giving two lectures on the Anglo-Zulu war on Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12, at Tenterden Town Hall.

The lectures will cover two famous battles during the war in 1879; the battle of Rorke's Drift and the battle of Isandlwana.

The lectures start at 7pm with spaces limited to 100. Tickets cost £10, or £15 for both lectures, and can be bought from Greyhound Frames, High Street, Tenterden, or call Debbie Greaves on 01580 764189.

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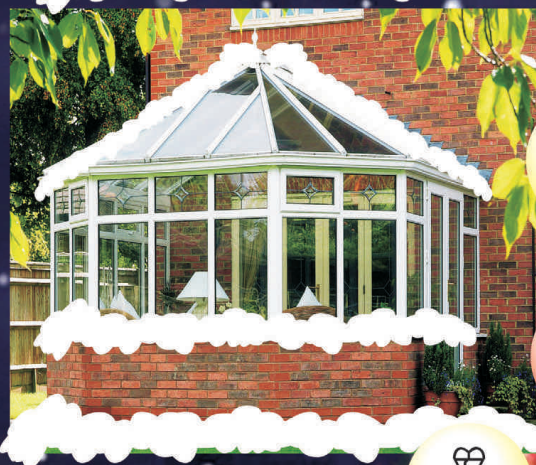
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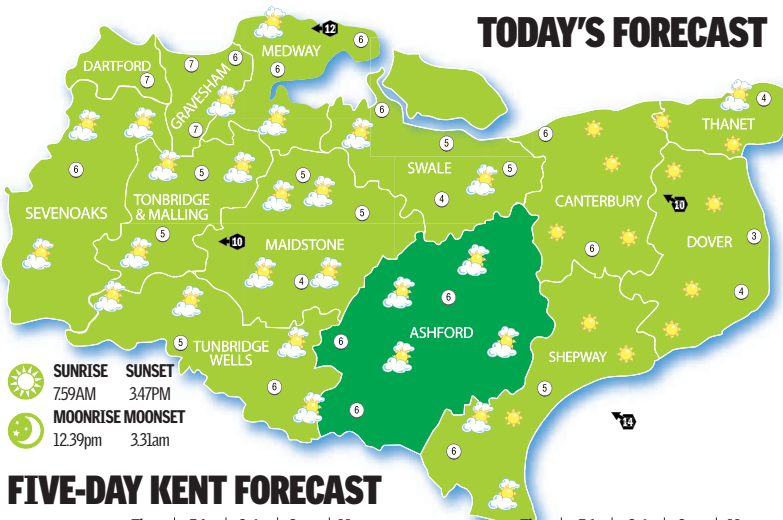


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	Sunday	8:52am	6.3
Dungeness	Saturday	8:02am	70m
	Sunday	9:00am	73
Ramsgate	Saturday	8:23am	4.7m
	Sunday	9:22am	4.8
Sheerness	Saturday	9:16am	5.3m
	Sunday	10:21am	5.4
Whitstable	Saturday	9:17am	4.9m
	Sunday	10:25am	5.1



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	1°C	Madrid	5°C
Athens	11°C	New York	4°C
Barcelona	7°C	Paris	-1°C
Beijing	2°C	Rome	9°C
Bombay	33°C	Sydney	22°C
Cape Town	23°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	2°C	Tokyo	9°C
Gibraltar	13°C	Vancouver	9°C
Hong Kong	24°C	Warsaw	-1°C
Las Palmas	21°C	Wellington	20°C

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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Ashford	5°C	5°C	5°C	8°C	7°C	Gravesend	6°C	7°C	6°C	8°C	9°C
Canterbury	5°C	6°C	7°C	7°C	7°C	Maidstone	5°C	7°C	7°C	9°C	8°C
Chatham	5°C	5°C	5°C	8°C	9°C	Ramsgate	5°C	6°C	7°C	7°C	7°C
Dartford	6°C	7°C	6°C	8°C	9°C	Rochester	5°C	5°C	5°C	8°C	9°C
Dover	4°C	6°C	6°C	8°C	7°C	Sevenoaks	4°C	7°C	6°C	6°C	6°C
Faversham	5°C	5°C	5°C	8°C	9°C	Sittingbourne	5°C	5°C	5°C	8°C	9°C
Folkestone	4°C	6°C	6°C	8°C	7°C	Tonbridge	4°C	6°C	7°C	8°C	6°C
Gillingham	5°C	5°C	5°C	8°C	9°C	Tun Wells	4°C	6°C	7°C	8°C	6°C

yourashford NEWS IN BRIEF

Pupils' work is a picture of their community

A THREE metre square collage constructed of children's photographs was unveiled at Aldington Primary school this week.

The work is collaboration between the children at the school and artist Steven Cross.

Headteacher Sandra MacCourt said: "In the Chamber of Commerce there is a piece of art called an Ashford Symphony. I thought that it looked fantastic. The artist uses a technique which joins the images together."

"We managed to get in contact with Steven who did the original piece. He then became our artist in residence for a month in October. We chose the theme of community for the project."

"It could include any sort of community from the children in the classroom to the people in the village and the towns."

Mr Cross helped the children to take the photos and also showed them how to join the images together.

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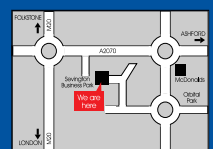
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JULIE BREEN



Q & A

Julie Breen from Willesborough has had a life-long association with the Airport Café in Sellindge. Here she tells **Ed Hill** about its history, what keeps it popular with customers and her views on Ashford

Q How long have you been connected with the area?

A When I was born, my parents owned this cafe so I have been connected to this place all my life.

I have done different jobs but I have always had some connection with the cafe. I did work at Eastwell Manor for a while. As a child I would get on a stool and help with the washing-up.

My parents also used to own the Butcher's Hotel in Ashford which was knocked down when the international station was built. I grew up in this business. My gran used to say to me, 'use your head, save your legs, and always take a cloth with you'.

Q Can you tell us a bit about the history of the cafe?

A This place also used to be a petrol station as well as a cafe until the M20 was built. Unfortunately, a lorry crashed into the pumps one day and after that Mobil didn't want to put the pumps back but it has carried on as a cafe.

It is called the Airport Cafe because over the road where there is now an industrial estate, there used to be Lympne Airport. When I was a child, it was still operating as an airport and Dan Air used to run flights to Paris from there. I remember we used to get the parachute club coming into the cafe quite a lot. I would love to learn a bit more about the history of the airport.

Q What sort of customer do you get here?

A We get all sorts. We recently added the extension at the front to give it more of a diner feel. But I think that it is important that a place retains its character. We don't pretend to be something we are not. It's important to know your core business.

On race days we get busy from people going to Folkestone Racecourse. We get a lot of workmen coming in and also business men and people who are just having a day out.

We produce a good variety of fresh food at a low price. I think places like this can offer something the big chains can't.

I'm fortunate to have a good team to help me. There are seven of us working here. At the end of the day you need a good team to help you. We get good feedback from the customers. It is important to know that people appreciate what you do. That is what keeps you going. We do try and look after people.

Q What do you think of Ashford?

A I think people like genuine variety. If you look at towns in this country they are beginning to look all the same. Look at the new shopping centre being built in Ashford. It will have all the same shops such as Next and Caffé Nero but I am not sure that is what people really want.

I think it is a great shame that we have lost

the services from Eurostar. My husband and I also run a coffee business in the international station, called Grande Cafe. I think staff there at the moment are feeling a bit demoralised. Hopefully things will change in the future.

I also believe small businesses don't get enough support. It is getting harder and harder for smaller business to compete and I don't think that is realised enough by the people in power. We actually provide a service that benefits the community, people can stop here and use the facilities. We are an asset to the village.

Q Do you have any interests outside the business?

A Because we were developing the coffee businesses we had to learn a lot about the coffee trade. We import our coffee directly from Italy. We had to learn all about the espresso machines. We go to Rome quite a lot in connection with the business. It was my ambition to educate the British workmen about the benefits of real coffee. In Italy and Spain you see all the workmen having proper coffee in the mornings and I thought there is no reason why we can't do that here.

Q Did you have any childhood heroes?

A I admired beautiful women when I was a child like Sophia Loren and Lauren Bacall. They were the epitome of beauty to me.

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2 Life on the ocean wave

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3 The secret fortifications

Take a trip around one of Dover's lesser-known military sites - Fort Drop Redoubt on the Western Heights. The fortifications protected the town from attack by the French, Americans and Spanish. It was brought back into use during World War Two.



4 Have a monster Christmas

Christmas is almost here, and if you are still in need of some inspiration about what to get the little ones as a present, why not watch this film about the top toys on sale at Bluewater? And don't forget to film your Christmas and share it at yourkenttv.co.uk.

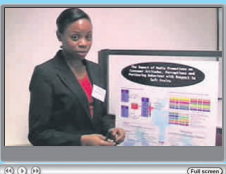


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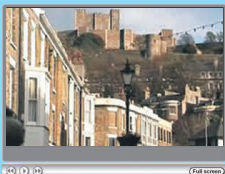
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HI-TECH is the word this Christmas when it comes to toys - with retailers reporting a boom year for computer games and TV tie-ins.

The Nintendo Wii console is one of the top sellers in the pre-Christmas build-up, with its dancing game Boogie a major hit among young girls.

Shopper Tracey Walters, 37, from Sittingbourne, who has two young daughters, went to High Street store Game to get her hands on the latest gadget.

"I just know they are going to love it," she said. "They can't get enough when it comes to singing and dancing, so it's ideal for them. The only problem I can see is them both wanting to play at the same time."

The hit TV show Dr Who is also big in stores this year, with John Lewis reporting a human-Dalek hybrid mask which changes the wearer's voice being

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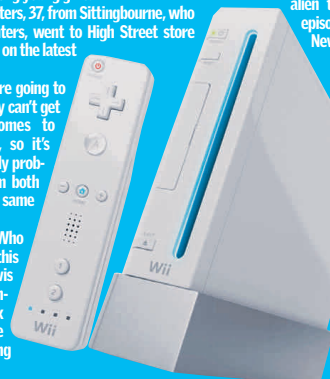
particularly popular.

"It's one for the boys," said sci-fi fan Tony Joseph, 18, from Ashford. "As well as making you sound like an alien there are some phrases from the episode in which Daleks tried to take over New York."

"I was buying it for my younger brother - but now I'm going to keep it for myself."

Other popular items include a radio-controlled flying dragonfly, Transformers movie-style helmets, a remote-controlled giant tarantula and a Baby Annabell doll which does almost everything a real life newborn does.

For a demonstration of the top gifts this Christmas go to yourkenttv.co.uk and see reporter Lauren Mumford put them through their paces.



The history of our Christmas traditions

CHRISTMAS is most obviously a festival marking the birth of Jesus - but many of its traditions go way back before the first century AD.

In ancient Babylon the feast of the Son of Isis was celebrated on December 25. Raucous partying, gluttonous eating and drinking, and gift-giving were traditions of this feast.

In Rome, the winter solstice was celebrated many years before the birth of Christ. The Romans called their winter holiday Saturnalia, honoring Saturn, the God of Agriculture.

In January, they observed the Kalends of January, which represented the triumph of life over death. This whole season was called the Birthday of the Unconquered Sun.

"Christmas really does go way back," said Wiccan practitioner and tarot card reader Suzanne Corbie, from Rochester.

"There are many traditions that just carry over. Partying and merrymaking have been going on for centuries."

In northern Europe many traditions that we

BY NICK AMES

now consider part of Christianity were begun long before the participants had ever heard of Jesus.

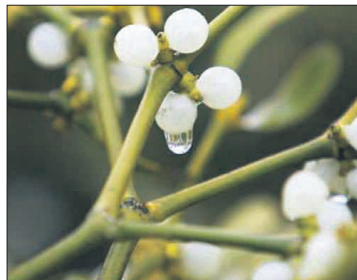
The pagans of northern Europe celebrated their own winter solstice, known as Yule. Yule was symbolic of the pagan god Mithras, being born and was observed on the shortest day of the year.

As the Sun God grew and matured, the days became longer and warmer. It was customary to light a candle to encourage Mithras, and the sun, to reappear next year.

Huge Yule logs were burned in honor of the sun. The word Yule itself means "wheel," the wheel being a pagan symbol for the sun.

Mistletoe was considered a sacred plant and the custom of kissing under the mistletoe began as a fertility ritual. Holly berries were thought to be a food of the gods.

The tree is the one symbol that unites almost all the northern European winter sol-



SACRED: The custom of kissing under mistletoe began as a fertility ritual by pagans

stices. Live evergreen trees were often brought into homes during the harsh winters as a reminder to inhabitants that soon their crops would grow again.

Evergreen boughs were sometimes carried as totems of good luck and were often present

at weddings, representing fertility.

The Druids used the tree as a religious symbol, holding their sacred ceremonies while surrounding and worshipping huge trees.

In recent years Christmas has become associated with stress in the form of family disputes and money worries.

But that should not be the case according to Sarah Turner, from Ramsgate, who uses natural flower oils to improve the mind and body.

"It shouldn't all be about stress," she said. "People need to get into a frame of mind where they are relaxed and natural essences can help them do this."

Shelley Shiston runs a centre in Horsmonden which helps people to relax and find an inner peace.

"I work with all sorts and just listen in the main," she said. "I think that is what best helps people understand themselves."

"Christmas should not be about pressure. It should be a time of year for people to enjoy the company of family and friends as the days gradually start to get longer."



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Luisa wears: John Lewis - Warehouse embroidered dress, price £100. House of Fraser - KG patent shoes, price £85
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Favourite characters at the Designer Outlet

YOUNG shoppers will bump into some special guests at Ashford Designer Outlet this week.

Peppa Pig is due to make an appearance on Thursday (Dec 20), while Fifi & Bumble will be meeting fans at the outlet on Friday (Dec 21). They will be entertaining youngsters at the food court at 11am, noon, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm both days. Centre manager Greg Lumley said he wanted to provide some extra fun for young visitors.

Spice up your Christmas with a great Raja curry

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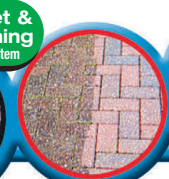
DIETERS might be dreading their New Year fitness regime, but Marks and Spencer's new range of active wear could ease the pain.

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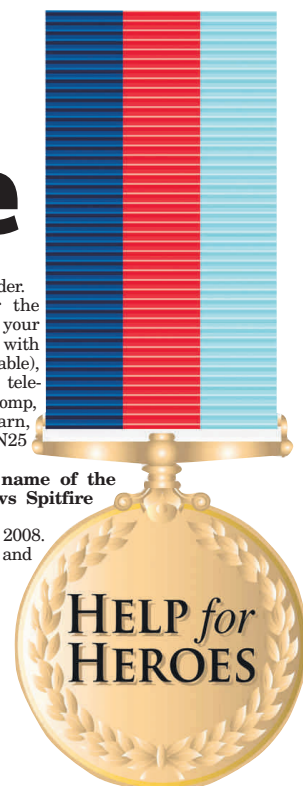
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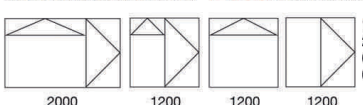
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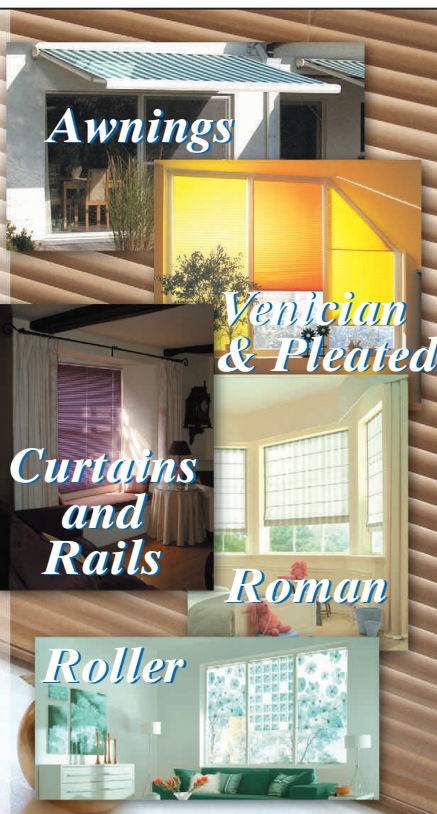
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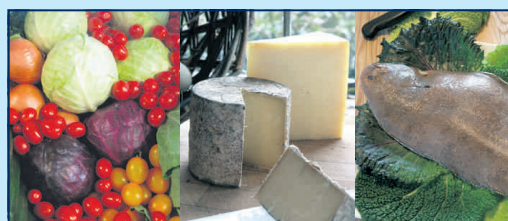
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For Santa's sake, take down those decorations

ACCORDING to the thesaurus, alternatives to the word 'decoration' include 'beautification' and 'embellishment'. And quite right too.

So how, exactly, does coating the exterior of your home in gaudy multi-coloured lights and inflatable snowmen equate, in any way whatsoever, to being described as 'decorations'?

Yet it seems no street escapes the increasing trend for people to stand in front of their homes in early December (and increasingly, late November) and hurl assorted tat onto the front of their houses and then, bizarrely, stroll away from the hum of electricity pulsing around their window frames, with the unshakable belief it looks good.

What's more, in your paper last week, you actually encouraged these desperate attention-seekers to out-do their equally class-less neighbours, by sending in pictures of their homes decked out in full.

You should be suitably ashamed. These people should not, and must not, be encouraged.

Now don't get me wrong. Some subtle white lighting if used sparsely, can be quite pleasant. And a string of coloured bulbs shimmering in the branches of a tree can certainly enhance a neighbourhood.

But inflatable 10-foot high snowmen? Or those horribly tacky plastic things with lights stuck to them which, if you half close your eyes and put your imagination into overdrive, you can just about make out a reindeer?

And the less said about the dwarf Father Christmases flung with gay abandon on the roof to give the impression the little man is falling to his death off their guttering, the better.

I know young children like it – but then they like everything about Christmas.

But by the time they reach 18-years-old, inflatable snowmen should be there to be mocked. Kicked. And, if they smoke, fag butts flicked at them so the snowman's ugly reign can irritate their neighbours no more.

Better still, they should be released from their moorings and allowed to float high in the sky, ideally while a boy soprano sings Walking in the Air, to justify the act of vandalism.

I jest, of course. Well, partially, and to the extent where I don't want to be held responsible for some idiot taking my comments a little too literally.

Far be it from me to encourage such behaviour.

The problem, of course, is that attention seekers (for it is they which lurk behind the monstrosities), by their very nature, always want to have eyes on them, always want to be, well, centre of attention.

And if to achieve that they need to erect illuminations which make their homes resemble a airport runway at night, then it is a simple method in which to do so.

So allow me, in your pages, to say just one thing to them... and I appreciate by writing this it gives them the attention they crave... but inflatable decorations are naff. Tons of ill-arranged lights are naff.

I feel better already. Bah humbug!

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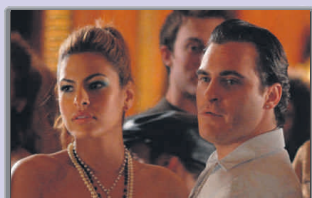
Beautiful princess Giselle is banished by an evil queen from her magical, musical animated land and finds herself in the gritty reality of the streets of modern-day Manhattan. Shocked by this strange environment that doesn't operate on a 'happily ever after' basis, Giselle is now adrift in a chaotic world badly in need of enchantment.

MR MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM (U)



Imagination sparkles at Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium, a magical toy store whose proprietor is the 243-year-old impresario, Mr Magorium himself. When Magorium bequeaths his beloved store to his insecure apprentice, Molly Mahoney, the store and its magic seem to be in peril.

WE OWN THE NIGHT (15)



Set against the backdrop of the bloody battle waged between New York city cops and the Russian mafia in the 1980s, this film tells the tale of an emerging club manager whose family ties to law enforcement make him a target for the city's most dangerous criminals.

Renee gets animated

■ BY EILEEN CONDON

FOR someone who insists she wanted to take time out of the industry, actress Renee Zellweger has been a bit of a busy bee.

The Bridget Jones star has a schedule which seems to be as hectic as ever, however, the 38-year-old insists she's now all play and not too much work.

"I now know it's important to take time off," she says. "I think if you're going to be a creative person, especially in this medium, you have to have human experience to draw from. But I'm not someone who feels a drive to keep going and going until I've achieved something anymore," she adds.

These days the blonde star admits she has a renewed enthusiasm for her work because she'll only take on a project if it looks like being fun, which explains why she leapt at the chance to voice one of the lead characters in the new animation Bee Movie.

The film is written by and stars Jerry Seinfeld, one of the biggest comedy talents in the world, and Renee admits she couldn't wait to work with the man who makes her 'laugh out loud'.

"Like everyone else I am a huge fan," she says of the star of the smash hit Seinfeld show. "I thought this could be a lot of fun."

"It was a focused time, but there was also a lot of time to laugh, which I loved. Jerry is so adept at comedy that he can pinpoint the difference between something being interesting and something being hilarious."

"He's very concise. He knows in his head where he'd like to see things go and knows how to communicate what it is that he wants, which is rare," she adds.

In the movie, which also features the voices of Matthew Broderick, Kathy Bates and Chris Rock, Renee plays Vanessa, a spirited Manhattan florist who befriends disillusioned bumble bee Barry B Benson (Seinfeld) giving him a crash course in how the human race works and setting him on the path to liberation.

It's the second foray into the cartoon world for the multi-talented star, who won an Oscar

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for her role in Cold Mountain and became an honorary Brit for her portrayal of singleton Bridget Jones in Bridget Jones's Diary and Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason.

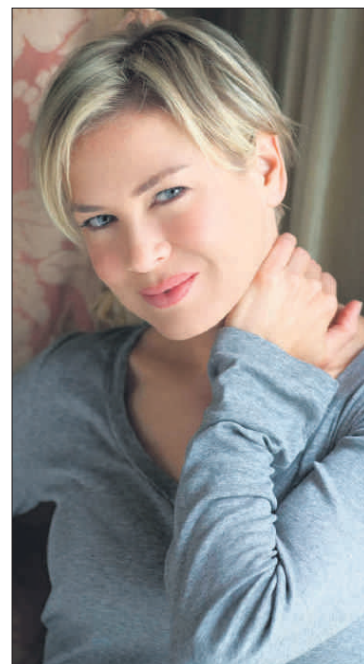
Two years ago she made her animation debut in the underwater adventure Shark Tale and says it's a genre she has come to love.

"When I got offered Shark Tale it took just one phone call to say yes," she enthuses. "I was so excited about it. I'd always wanted to do something like this. These films had a huge impact on me as a child. I would just get lost in them."

The actress also admits that another big draw of animation is the fact she didn't have to go to work dressed up to the nines.

"You just schlepp in in the morning and it's so exciting not to have to worry about having gotten enough sleep or that big pimple that's taking over the left side of your face. It's just about having the imagination and having a really good time in the room."

BUSY BEE: Renee Zellweger (top right) is the voice of Vanessa (bottom right) in new animated film Bee Movie



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Sailing away on a SeaDream

BY RUPERT HARGREAVES

UNDER leaden skies, the Mediterranean might not be on its best behaviour but our cruise ship's drinks waiter, the memorably named Attila from Hungary, is flat calm as ever and it's service as normal.

"It's my pleasure to make you happy," he soothes, expertly dispensing two chilled glasses of champagne on the ever-so-slightly listing table.

As the stiffening sea breeze rocks the boat off the north-west coast of Italy, Attila, whose shaved head and baby face give him a cherubic countenance, reveals what he really wants to do in life. "I'm a boxer," he says. "That's what I'm good at. One day I'll go back to Hungary to box."

A startling disclosure and maybe the moment that brought it home to us that life on board this ship, SeaDream 2, is far removed from the mass market cruising boom. If you'll forgive the boxing pun, it's an upper cut above the rest.

Its operators are determined to stand out from the pack in a rapidly growing sector of the holiday market.

For a start there's the size. SeaDream 1 and SeaDream 2 are two identical 4,300-ton vessels in a luxury fleet formed in 2001 by Norwegian entrepreneur Atle Brynstad and



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his American colleague Larry Pimentel, and each carries a maximum of just 55 lucky couples, fussed over by 92 staff and crew.

Like Attila, many staff are Hungarian. Collectively they deliver impeccable service with a smile, unhindered by any requirement to take payment or run a tab because on SeaDream ships all drinks (with the exception of vintage wines in the dining room) are inclusive, and there's no tipping.

Here you can be indulged wherever you please – by room service to your well-appointed stateroom (where guests will find a pair of personalised pyjamas which they can

take away as a memento), at the popular Top Of The Yacht bar with its traditional wooden lines and bar stools, in the Main Saloon where guests usually gather before dinner, or at the Pool Bar next to the swimming pool.

Other notable on-board facilities include a Thai spa, fitness centre, library, boutique and golf simulator (lots of fun). For the more adventurous, wave runners, kayaks and various inflatable "toys" are available from a special deck at the stern.

SeaDream yachts sail scheduled, seven-day itineraries and spend May to October in the Med before crossing the Atlantic to spend the remainder of the year in the Caribbean.

Travellers are warned that ports of call during these cruises are not necessarily cast in stone, with captains given the authority to adjust for "local opportunities".

In our case some unpredictably squally weather forced the skipper to give up on his first attempt to get into Portofino, a charming little resort on Italy's Ligurian coast, and head south for the safe haven of Livorno, where excursions to Florence and Pisa were fixed at a moment's notice.

The following morning, when the wind had dropped and the sea had settled, SeaDream 2 headed back northwards on what was to prove one of the highlights of the voyage, a slow pass along the "Cinque Terre" coast followed by a visit to Portofino.

This is considered among the most beautiful and photogenic of Mediterranean ports, which has for decades attracted the rich and famous, and is where Rod Stewart married Penny Lancaster earlier this year.



NICE TIME: Nice is the last port of call

Holiday Details

Rupert Hargreaves was a guest of SeaDream, which offers a seven-night voyage on SeaDream 2 starting and ending in Nice from May 15, 2008. Scheduled ports of call are St Tropez, Cassis, Bonifacio (Corsica), Elba, Portovenere (Italy) and Portofino. Prices from £2,475 per person. Connecting flights are not included.

SeaDream reservations: 0800 783 1373 and www.seadream.com.



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He will be joined by Gabrielle Bradshaw, who presented the CBBC show Hartbeat alongside Tony Hart, and Clare Coultry, who is currently working on the UK tour of Mad About The Musicals. The cast also includes a number of local favourites, including Bob Osborne as Dame Trott, Natalie Hubbard as the Vegetable Fairy and Dan File as Silly Billy. The pantomime is presented by Bob Osborne and Neil Hunnisett of the Folkestone Community Theatre Project.

Tickets cost £10/£8 per person, with family tickets costing £30. For details, call the box office on 0870 4000 890 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.co.uk.



NIC FANCIULLI

Saturday, December 22
The Loft, Maidstone

GRAMMY-nominated DJ Nic Fanciulli will be putting his spin on Christmas at Club Class this weekend.

The homegrown talent is fitting in a gig at his favourite club before jetting off to Tokyo's legendary Womb nightclub to lead the New Year's Eve celebrations.

Fanciulli has had an amazing year, completing a 70-date world tour with James Zabiela and achieving his highest ever ranking in the DJ magazine top 100 poll, coming in at number 45.

Fanciulli, now 28, landed his first main room residency at Club Class when he was just 20 and has brought some great names to the club since then, including John Digweed and Deep Dish. He has played all

over the world and last month released a new album, i-Panik, with Skylark musical partner Andy Chatterly.

Together the pair launched Saved Records in 2004 and are encouraging a new generation of talent to push forward.

The Christmas Extravaganza kicks off at 10pm. Tickets cost £6/£5. Find out more online at www.club-class.org.

CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, December 23
Canterbury Cathedral

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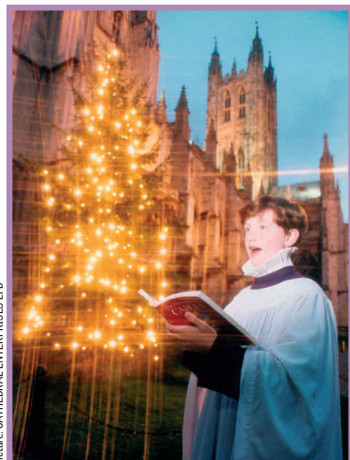
Following overwhelming demand in previous years, entry to the service on Christmas Eve is now by free ticket only and all the places were soon taken.

But worshippers are welcome to join the service at 3pm on Sunday, where they can experience the wonderful sound of carols in an awe-inspiring setting.

There will be a crib service at about 12.30pm on Christmas Eve, when the Dean of Canterbury will lead prayers and carols for children by the crib outside the cathedral's main entrance.

On Thursday, December 28, there will be a Christingle service for children in the Nave.

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The fun starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults, £3 for children and £10 for families of four. Entry is free for under-fives. For details, call 01580 891481 or see www.staplehurstfreechurch.org.uk.

Candlelight carols are a traditional delight

CELEBRATE Christmas in the traditional way with a Carols by Candlelight service on Sunday.

The popular service will be held at Brabourne Baptist Church in Plain Road, Smeeth, at 5pm. It will be followed by mince pies and tea or coffee. Visitors are advised to arrive early to get a good seat.

For more information, call 01303 813368.

Doctors on call as they find the right rhythm

HARD-DRIVING R'n'B and blues band Rhythm Doctors will be performing in Mersham on Friday.

The band will be playing at The Farriers Arms in The Forstal from 9pm to 11pm. Find out more about the Rhythm Doctors by visiting the website www.therhythmdoctors.co.uk.

For more details about the gig, call the pub on 01233 720444.

Bad Pennies return for night of classic rock

EXPERIENCE the music of Jimi Hendrix, Thin Lizzy and other guitar greats played live in Smeeth on Saturday.

Bad Pennies, a no-nonsense four-piece based in Medway, pay tribute to legendary artists such as Johnny Winter and ZZ Top. The gig starts at the Woolpack Inn in Church Road at 9.15pm.

For more information, visit the website www.badpennies.co.uk.

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- 8 Amended a new local grant (9)
9 Something each philatelist included (5)
10 Abject crawler? (9)
11 Again one writing about French city (5)
12 Explosive stationery? (9-5)
15 Alex repaired rotating rod (4)
17 Cry of disapproval from the stalls? (5)
19 A study of Yemeni port (4)
21 Place for camel to cross the river? (8,6)
23 Singular science topic arranged (5)
24 Blonde perhaps attacks place of misery (9)
26 No Parisian accepting trendy fabric (5)
27 Servant to be there with a set of books (9)

DOWN

- 1 Priest in the tabernacle, Richard (6)
2 Hundred by the road come together (8)
3 Claudis turn with Ronald at the pot (8)
4 Peak of one mountain initially included (4)
5 They admit blame for hospital treatment (7)
6 Opened closed teeth (8)
7 Large number making certain are being critical (9)
13 Swallow toast (5)
14 Chap is not manipulating hole in the wall (9)
16 Restricting one with Tim playing in heather (8)
18 A simple brew (4-4)
19 Held a dye emanating from volatile liquid (8)
20 Flee from Donis cab devastated (7)
22 What cockney doctor is doing in London (6)
25 Aware of leading for the most part (4)

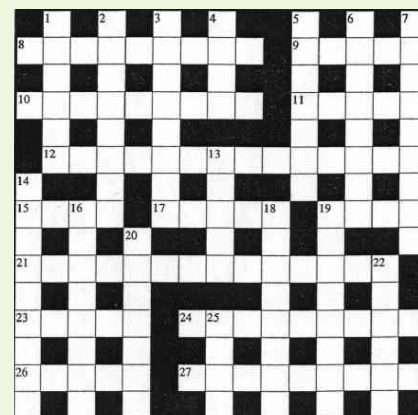
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- 8 Three-monthly (9)
9 Timer (anag.) (5)
10 Diagram (4,5)
11 Middle Eastern country (5)
12 Spotless (5,2,1,3,3)
15 Wrongful act (4)
17 Behind bars (5)
19 Small bird (4)
21 Large snake (3,11)
23 Light beam (5)
24 Toy (9)
26 North East African country (5)
27 Craftily (9)

DOWN

- 1 In open view (6)
2 Intimidate (8)
3 Skilled worker (8)
4 Wing-shaped (4)
5 Flourish (7)
6 Unbecoming (8)
7 Using a sieve (9)
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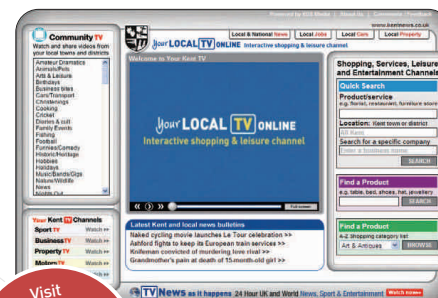
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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

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AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 - Feb 19)

A NEIGHBOUR or relative can help you plan a dream Christmas. Lean on them for support and you won't be disappointed. The chance to earn money from your creative abilities could fall into your lap. This job will be quite lucrative, and may lead to other opportunities. This week begins a year long phase of spiritual growth.



TAURUS

(Apr 21 - May 21)

DECIDING how much you are going to splash out on festive fun and gifts is a good idea now but you should be prepared to compromise with people who have different ideas and plans. Go to a friend's surprise party - this is sure to be the social event of the season. 2008 brings plenty of opportunities to travel, study, and publish your written work.



LEO

(July 24 - Aug 23)

IDEAS for creative projects come fast and furious this week. Keep a notebook and pencil handy so you can jot down brainstorms. A handsome gift from a secret admirer could make its way into your hands, giving you great pleasure. It's nice to know you're admired. The year ahead is packed with wonderful work opportunities.



SCORPIO

(Oct 24 - Nov 22)

YOU could be recognised for your ability to generate cash or ideas. You could meet someone special under the mistletoe and the two of you will collaborate on a creative project in 2008. Your social life will seem less oppressive between now and early May. People will make fewer demands of your time, making your meetings more relaxed and agreeable.



PISCES

(Feb 20 - Mar 20)

THIS is an ideal week to go on a job interview or apply for a promotion. This is the best time of the entire year to move up the ladder of success. Your distinctive views earn lots of romantic attention. Don't bother trying to fit in with the crowd. Your friends are poised to help you realise a cherished dream.



GEMINI

(May 22 - Jun 22)

PEOPLE will be receptive to your ideas, especially as far as a business or romantic partner is concerned. Take the lead in the decision making process, as you'll be able to tackle jobs with ingenuity and dispatch. An out-of-the-blue Christmas bonus could come your way. The year ahead invites you to tune into your physical desires.



VIRGO

(Aug 24 - Sep 23)

TAKING charge of a festive family get together will you on a Yuletide high. You have wonderful ideas for making a success of this gathering. If you're looking for love, let a female friend set you up on a blind date it could result in a rapturous romance for 2008. If you're already in a relationship, you may be thinking about starting a family.



SAGITTARIUS

(Nov 23 - Dec 21)

PEOPLE will love your original plans for a crazy Christmas. A welcome festive bonus or unexpected windfall could come your way. An intense physical relationship brings a welcome dash of spice. If you have not wrapped up your presents or sent your cards you should make a special effort to catch up with things or friends and loved ones will be disappointed.



ARIES

(Mar 21 - Apr 20)

A FESTIVE fling lends some much needed spice to life, whether you're directly involved or not. Opportunities to wield your executive abilities abound in the year ahead. There's never been a better time to get a promotion or a better paid post. Opening your own business or running for political office are other possibilities.



CANCER

(Jun 23 - Jul 23)

ALTHOUGH the festive season is getting into full swing, this would be a good week to find work. If you're looking for a job, send out a raft of CVs and schedule as many interviews as possible. Your wit and charm will make a favourable impression on a prospective employer. Close relationships assume an increasing importance over the next year.



LIBRA

(Sep 24 - Oct 23)

GOOD news from a relative or neighbour arrives by post or email. Get your luggage ready, as a trip certainly looks likely. An unusual work assignment could fall into your lap, allowing you to show off your artistic talent. The money from this venture could allow you to afford a beautiful new home. Good changes are on the horizon on the domestic front.



CAPRICORN

(Dec 22 - Jan 20)

TO HAVE a creative Christmas it's worth jotting down any inspired ideas that cross your mind now so keep a pad and pencil handy. Seductive comments could spark a romance. If you're already in a relationship, take this opportunity to pen a love letter to your amour. 2008 will put you squarely in the spotlight.

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PICK OF THE WEEKEND

BBC one

SATURDAY: OLIVER TWIST (710pm): Drama adaptation of Charles Dickens's much-loved tale of a young orphan boy.

SUNDAY: MONARCHY: THE ROYAL FAMILY AT WORK (9pm): Fascinating insight into the work of the Queen and the Royal Family over the course of a year.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY (9.25pm): Film version of Douglas Adams's classic sci-fi radio show, book and TV series. Martin Freeman stars as Arthur Dent. Mos Def as Ford Prefect.

SUNDAY: RICHARD HAMMOND MEETS EVEL KNEIVEL (9pm): Filmed shortly before the stuntman's death last month, Top Gear's Hammond spends four days with his childhood hero.

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SATURDAY: AN AUDIENCE WITH CELINE DION (9.15pm): Love her or hate her, the Canadian songstress entertains a star-studded audience and performs her greatest hits.

SUNDAY: CATWOMAN (4.35pm): Halle Berry pulls on the tight leather suit in the movie spin-off from the Batman comic books in her quest for revenge.

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SATURDAY: THE THREE TENORS (7.35pm): Luciano Pavarotti, Jose Carreras and Placido Domingo dazzle in Rome in their classic 1990 performance, backed up by two orchestras and 200 musicians.

SUNDAY: LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN (8pm): Sean Connery stars as Allan Quartermain in another comic book adventure taken onto the big screen which sees a team of superheroes battle a bid to destroy them.

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SATURDAY: POLAR BEAR WEEK WITH NIGEL MARVEN (6.35pm): Zoologist Nigel Marven takes to the Canadian Arctic where he meets a polar bear and her two cubs.

SUNDAY: THE MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL (5.25pm): The perfect film to get in the festive mood as Michael Caine plays Scrooge to Kermit's Bob Cratchitt. The Great Gonzo narrates in style.

Suffering for her art on prime-time telly

BY BEN FALK

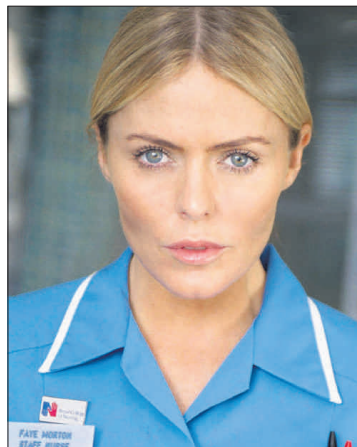
PATSY Kensit is frightfully apologetic when she turns up a mere five minutes after our allotted interview time. She's fretting and insists that she hates to keep people waiting.

It's a sweet and genuine gesture, from a woman who is obviously acutely aware of how journalists are liable to blow any perceived slight or act of diva behaviour out of proportion. But then she has every right to be cautious. After all, the interest in her personal life has always far outweighed what she did on-screen. Three-time pop star-divorcee, Hollywood actress, then, well, not much. If all you ever knew about her was what you read in the Nineties' tabloids, you'd be forgiven for thinking that she was nothing more than a super-cool girl-about-town who would swan into the trendiest venues with her pop star husband two hours late, behind Versace sunglasses.

Everything is different now. The star is 39, a single mum to two young boys and more importantly, a working actress, doing nine-to-five duty on Holby City as a nurse called Faye. She's been there more than a year now after a career-redefining stint as villain Sadie King on Emmerdale, and it's something of a homecoming.

"I worked at the BBC constantly as a child," she says in that throaty voice of hers, all public school saucer, as she motions around the studio-cum-office block in Elstree that houses the Holby set. "I did all the classics here, from the age of about nine to 16. I would love to stay."

Last week's episode saw her character take a turn for the worse after the increasingly



CRITICAL: Patsy Kensit is fighting for her life as Faye in Holby City after being shot in the back by a crossbow bolt

bizarre story-lines in the long-running drama saw her take a crossbow bolt in the back, leaving her fighting for her life.

"It's carnage basically," she grins. "The bolt goes through someone's arm and hits me in the back. I haven't got a clue what's happened."

It's not the first time Patsy has suffered on-screen. "I was drowned in Lethal Weapon, I sank well," she laughs. "In Emmerdale, I got shot in the stomach. I've done loads of terrible films in America and there's always been shoot-ups in them."

But is this pushing the boundaries of a show aired in a prime-time 8pm slot? She nods. "I'm not actually passed out, so I'm screaming,

wailing and crying. To actually be on the table, when they pulled the arrow out of my back and all the blood gushes... of course it's not real, but my youngest son won't be watching."

It's clear that Patsy is revelling in her new role and enjoying working closer to home. She has previously said that one of the toughest things about being on Emmerdale was being away from her family – son James, whose father is Jim Kerr from Simple Minds, and youngest Lennon, the happy result of her marriage to Oasis's Liam Gallagher.

"My boys have got great relationships with their dads," she reveals. "But like any single mum will tell you, it is a juggling act and getting a balance can sometimes be difficult. Some mornings you're walking out the door and my youngest gets upset and you have to take that ten minutes to reassure him or whatever and then it's Wacky Races trying to get to work."

Although family life is very much a pre-occupation these days, it's good to see that the Party Patsy of yore still shows up from time to time. She was photographed just recently in a nightclub with boyfriend DJ Jeremy Healy, who she is now to marry, according to reports.

Her rumoured engagement comes after years of tabloid reports about her romantic travails, including alleged hook-ups with Calum Best, Jean-Christophe Novelli and rapper Killa Kela.

It's not surprising – even when donning an unflattering nurse's uniform to clear up vomit on the ward, Patsy still emanates the sex appeal she showed in movies like Twenty One, Lethal Weapon 2 and Angels and Insects.

Hopefully, she won't have to replicate her on-camera duties at home this Christmas after an especially heavy turkey dinner.

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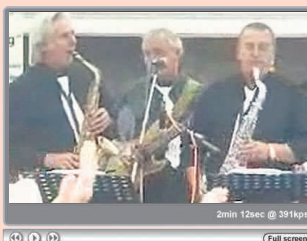
Admitting "I can be a bit goofy at times" Laura lets her hair down in an un-staged personal look at the recording process, bum notes and all.

Performing is obviously in her blood; her great uncles are none other than Ray and Dave Davies from the Kinks, but she says she is not in contact with them and "nor are they any sort of stepping stone to stardom... unfortunately."

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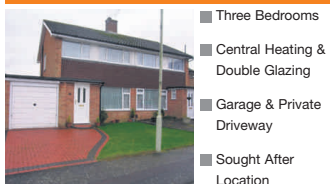
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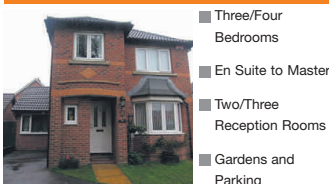
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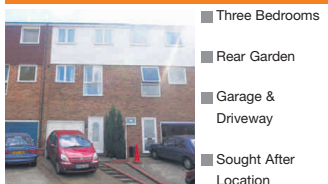
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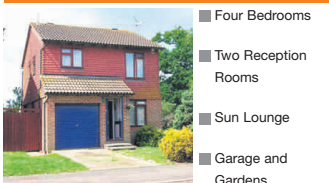
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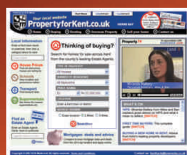
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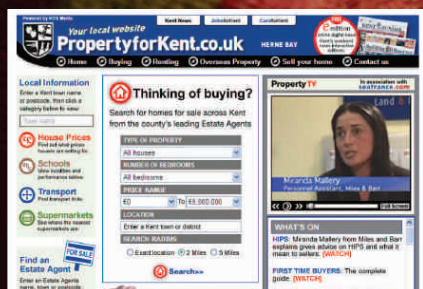


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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

RENAULT MEGANE



RENAULT'S second generation Megane arrived in late 2002 and stated that, unlike its predecessor, the styling would stay fresh for the full production run. This was due to the now famous rear end 'bustle' that made the car stand out and had more buyers rushing to Renault's mid-range model. But it's not just an image thing; fabulous diesel versions, state of the art safety ratings, low running costs and some scorching Renaultsport versions add to the appeal.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROEN C4



LIKE Renault, Citroen really needed to pull something special from the hat for its latest family hatch. As a result, the C4 is a far better car than the horribly dull Xsara it replaced and Citroen has given the five and three-door models each a different look; the former is sleek, futuristic and stylish while the latter is rakish and racy. However, both ride beautifully and share a radical and interesting interior without the irritating quirkiness of old-style Citroens.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 307



PEUGEOT used to trump its French rivals in this sector, but faces tougher players now. The 307, launched in 2001 and replaced this year, saw Peugeot acknowledge the trend towards MPV styling and gave the 307 a high roofline, while still offering a conventional estate and MPV-like SW alternative. Along with the original three and five-door hatchbacks and a coupe cabriolet with folding metal roof, the 307 has all the bases covered and a fine range of turbodiesel engine options.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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A6, 2.0 se, 1996, silver, 125000 miles, £995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

CONTINENTAL GT, 2005, arena red metallic with saddle leather interior, 28000 miles, £66950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

1 SERIES, 120i Sport, 430649, bmw 1 series 120i sport 5dr, 43777 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, black, £10950, Drake and Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)

X3, 3.0d SE, 20042188, mytic blue, 24286 miles, £18000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

KALOS, 1.4 SX, 24637, finished in poly silver with grey interior manual, grey, 0 miles, £5995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

LACETTI, Sport 1.8, 2004, silver, 23612 miles, £5995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE A/C, 116639, finished in super red with red interior manual, red, 1000 miles, £5995, Caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

TACUMA, 1.6SX, 160639, finished in poly silver with silver interior manual, silver, 1000 miles, £5995, Caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

PT CRUISER, 5446079, remote central locking, remote alarm, privacy glass, rear headrests, full leather, traction control, electric front windows, electric mirrors, cd player, radio cassette, air conditioning, abs, cruise control, alloy wheels, silver, 41000 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CITROEN

BERLINO 60, 99 1999, 1.9d white met jul 08, £1995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

C3 PLURIEL, 1.4i 2dr [75] convertible, silver, 33090 miles, £6995, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

KALOS, S 1150cc 5 door, 2004, central locking power steering mileage verified immobiliser electric windows, silver, 19000 miles, £3695, Northdown Road Motor Company, Margate, 01843 290890 (TRADE)

MATIZ, Extra 1, finished in blue with black interior manual, black, 2000 miles, £3995, Caffyns Chevrolet T Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

GRAND MOVE, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles, £2699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

SIRION, S 1.0, 2006, blue, 11822 miles, £6925, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

FIAT

BRAVO, 1.9 MultiJet 16V 150 Sport, choice of colours, 0 miles, £13795, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

STILO, 1.4 16v Active Sport 3-dr, height adjustable seat, choice, 0 miles, £8102, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

FORD

Fiesta, 1.25 Style Climate, 2007, moonstail silver, 0 miles, £7995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 52 1.8 MP3 Ltd Ed. Met Blue, 3dr, lots of features, including low profile tyres, chrome exhaust, only £4195, Tax & MOT, Call 07894464759 (PRIVATE)

GALAXY, 1.9 TD Ghia 5dr [115 PS], 27/12/2002, cd player abs driver airbag electric windows, blue, 44303 miles, £10995, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

KA, 3dr, x453 obj, rear wash/wipe, radio cassette, air bag, cloth upholstery, power steering, alloy, 42000 miles, £2695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

KA, 3dr, gR4 ktd, rear wash/wipe, cloth upholstery, radio cassette, power steering, air bag, blue, 32000 miles, £3695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i [70], 2004, drivers airbag folding rear seats immobiliser power steering radio/cassette service history, moonstail silver, 26000 miles, £3000, A1 Carriages, Croydon, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

KA, 1.6i Sportka, 2004, insurance group 6 abs immobiliser power steering radio/cd remote central locking sports seats 1 owner service history, performance blue, 25000 miles, £5000, A1 Carriages, Croydon, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Sublime, 2004, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser radio/cd remote central locking 1 owner service history, aquarius blue, 31000 miles, £5000, A1 Carriages, Croydon, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Sublime, 2004, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser radio/cd remote central locking 1 owner service history, aquarius blue, 31000 miles, £5000, A1 Carriages, Croydon, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

MONDEO, Zetec 16v, cloth upholstery, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, roof rails, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, height adjustable seat, electric windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, curtain airbags, adjustable steering column, abs, power steering, quick-clear screen, alloy wheels, aluminium silver, 58700 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

HONDA
ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr Vtec, 04/2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control power assisted steering service history, silver, 55000 miles, £3,995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 1-Citi Executive, gR5e9k, remote alarm, full leather, rear headrests, head restraints, abs, air bag, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric front windows, climate control, cd player, stereo, uk supplied, 16" alloys, aluminium silver, 75000 miles, £9999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 1-VTEC SE 5dr, remote central locking, adjustable steering column, abs, twin air bags, electric mirrors, electric windows, sunroof, air conditioning, power steering, green, 59000 miles, £3995, Cranbrook Car Sales, Cranbrook, 01580 714007 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 1-VTEC SE 5dr, remote central locking, adjustable steering column, abs, twin air bags, electric mirrors, electric windows, sunroof, air conditioning, power steering, green, 59000 miles, £3995, Cranbrook Car Sales, Cranbrook, 01580 714007 (TRADE)

TRAJET, CRD GSI, 2006, silver, 17000 miles, £10995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

JAGUAR

XJS, Xj-S 4.0 Sports, 183461, immobiliser, remote central locking, full leather, air conditioning, air bag, abs, electric windows, stereo, electric mirrors, uk supplied, metallic paintwork, 16" alloys, red, 90000 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

JEEP

GRAND CHEROKEE, 160461, remote alarm, power steering, full leather, air bag, abs, electric windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, stereo, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, uk supplied, 16" alloys, 4x4, red, 74000 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, LX 2.0 CRDi, 2004, blue metallic with grey high velour, 37000 miles, £4995, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

PICANTO, LX 5dr, gu54ucd, central locking, immobiliser, air conditioning, power steering, blue, 26165 miles, £4295, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

LAND ROVER

DEFENDER, 110 TDI High Capacity, 10634054, power steering, low pack, 4x4, truckman top, road tax is £180 per year on this vehicle, white, £7995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

LEXUS

IS, 1s300 Automatic, silver, 2003, 31000 miles, automatic, petrol, 4 doors, 2 previous owners, £9750, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, Ltd 5dr, 5504079, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, rear spoiler, central locking, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, radio cassette, air bag, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, red, 30000 miles, £3465, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

MAZDA2, 0 Option K, 229649, manual, mx-5 2.0 option pk, grey, 2000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

MERCEDES-BENZ

190, 2.0 Saloon 4dr 1997cc, 1996 (p), pas, abs, air bag, passenger air bag, electric sunroof, alloy wheels, remote central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, one owner, service history, stereo many more quality pre-owned cars for sale on: www.rivieracarasa.co.uk, red, 75625 miles, £2695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C180 Classic 4dr, 01/02/2002, abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 49489 miles, £7499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C200K Avantgarde SE 4dr, 05/11/2003, abs, silver, 20500 miles, £11999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

C CLASS, C200 Sport facelift model, auto, 1423077, remote alarm, remote central locking, sports seats, cruise control, power steering, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, cd player, 16" white dial sports suspension, always over 40 mercedes-benz cars in stock! we will not be beaten on price! fully fSA regulated, signal red, £2000 miles, £6995, DW Leisure Mercedes Benz Specialist, Welling, 0208 8548037 (TRADE)

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MG

MGF, 1.8i V V C, 1999, blue, 92154 miles, £3995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

MINI

COOPER, 1.6 3DR, 2003, part leather, 3dr, monaco blue, 14000 miles, £3995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

COOPER, 3dr, b452pvn, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, power steering, electric front windows, abs, air bag, head restraints, cd player, stereo, uk supplied, 15" alloys, red, 33000 miles, £7499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

COOPER, 1.6, 170649, mini cooper 1.6 3dr mazda mazda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher yellow, 2001, 26500 miles, manual, petrol, 3 doors, 1 previous owners, yellow, £3995, Drake and Fletcher Mazda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MITSUBISHI

COLT, 1.5 Sport, 2004, black, miles, £6995, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0206 658712 (TRADE)

L200, Warrior2, 33637, finished in black with black interior manual, black, 0 miles, £3995, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

NISSAN

ALMERA, 2.0 16v GTi (Body Kit) Hatchback 3d 1998cc (1998), alloys, cd, c/i, pas, ew, long mot, black, 116289 miles, £1095.00, DCD Autos, Ashford, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

MICRA, 1.0 16v Equation (City Pk) Hatchback 3d 980cc (1998), s, red, 60, 000 miles, £1499.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

106, 1.1 Zest 2 Hatchback 3d 1124cc, 51, silver, 50, 000 miles, £2999.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

206, gR, 2000, silver, 61960 miles, £2795, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

206, GLX 3dr, central locking, remote central locking, air conditioning, velour trim, power steering, abs, air bag, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, cd player, radio cassette, uk supplied, black, 77000 miles, £3499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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206, 1.4 HDi LX (A/C) 5dr, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, stereo, metallic green, 34000 miles, £4790, Kent TDI Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

206, Look 1.1, 2003, silver, 70393 miles, £4495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

PORSCHE

BOXTER, 2001, abs air conditioning alarm system anti theft protection cabrio roof cd player central locking clock coloured bumpers driver airbag electric front windows power steering radio special paint sport steering wheel third brake light, grey, 41057 miles, £17995, FGBarnes, Maidstone, 01622 755531 (TRADE)

PROTON

SATRIA, Li, 2004, metallic blue, 34000 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

RENAULT

CLIO, R1P CULI 1.2 16V, 2007, trim: cloth engine size: 1200 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, eclipse grey, 4000 miles, £3495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable steering column, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, uk specification, uk supplied, alloy wheels, ice blue, 5306 miles, £10500, Lifestyle Renault, Tunbridge wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, retractable headrests, folding rear seats, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, front fog lamps, multiple airbags, abs, trip computer, power steering, adjustable steering column, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, uk specification, uk supplied, alloy wheels, mercury silver, 11036 miles, £12800, Lifestyle Renault, Tunbridge wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, auto lighting, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, rear wash/wipe, electric handbrake, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, blue, 33000 miles, £7490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

GRAND SCENIC, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, folding rear seats, rear headrests, seat-belt tables, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, multiple airbags, metallic paintwork, electric handbrake, air conditioning, electric sunroof, twin sunroofs, stereo, flame red met, 57716 miles, £7899, AutoPlanet, Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

ROVER

25, 1.4, 2002, blue, 46439 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

400, 420, si 2000, blue with black leather, 64868 miles, £1895, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

SAB

9-3, 1.8i Linear Convertible 2d 1998cc (2004), iC54uwwd, black, 28000 miles, £14495, Maidstone Saab, Snodland, 01634 246 750 (TRADE)

SEAT

IBIZA, 1.9TDI FR 3dr, 01/09/2004, cd player abs power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 38303 miles, £7999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

SKODA

FABIA, Classic 5dr, gx03ske, air conditioning, electric windows, radio cassette, blue, 31316 miles, £4495, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

SMART

FORFOUR, 1.3PASSI, 145639, finished in silver with silver interior manual, at £5995 70,000 miles miles, £5495, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 242424 (TRADE)

SUBARU

IMPREZA, 1.5 R Sports Wagon, 15" alloys, 4x4, blue, 1000 miles, £10595, Lifestyle Subaru Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

SUZUKI

SWIFT, Gls 1.0, 2001, red, 54181 miles, £1995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

TOYOTA

COROLLA, 1.6 WT-1 T Spirit 5dr, alarm, silver, 11652 miles, £9499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

RAV 4, Nip 2.0, 2003, blue, 49944 miles, £7995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

TRIUMPH

TROPHY, 900, 1996 (n), 96 (n) triumph trophy 900, stunning met blue paintwork, only dry use, low mileage, garaged, service history, stunning condition. £2195 Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 242424 (TRADE)

TVR

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VAUXHALL

CORSA, SXI 1.2, finished in star silver with black interior manual, black, 0 miles, £2695, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

VECTRA, 1.8i 16v SRi (Nav) Hatchback 5d 1796cc (2006), silver lightning, 14715 miles, £10495.00, Greens Vauxhall Holborough, Snodland, 01634 246750 (TRADE)

ZAFIRA, Comfort 16v, roof rails, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, remote alarm, height adjustable seat, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, traction control, cloth upholstery, blue, 53000 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

VOLKSWAGEN

BETTLE, Cabriolet 1.6, 2004, monaco blue, 25000 miles, £10995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

GOLF, 2.0 Avantgarde Cabriolet 2d 1984cc, 1 lovely car, purple, 75000 miles, £3200.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 1.9 TDI SE, 2006, artie silver blue with charcoal /grey cloth, 53000 miles, £10995, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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Estate & Building Services Manager

37 hrs per week, salary: £44,149 - £49,875 per annum Post ref: EBSM1/KoS
Interview Date: Tuesday 22 January 2008.

We are seeking an experienced and talented individual to ensure that College sites are fully utilised, maintained and enhanced, to provide an optimum learning and working environment for all users. You will have the opportunity to produce, update and develop the College's property and accommodation strategies, and will prepare maintenance and small buildings works programmes and schedules. You will lead on health and safety strategy and policy, and ensure the provision and maintenance of effective fire precautions, security systems and safety arrangements. Assisting the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in the preparation of relevant capital and revenue budgets, you will also manage the department's budgets and service contracts, and line manage the Estates team. You will develop and manage the College's energy management policy, advise on the use of professional services in connection with estates services, and will take responsibility for buildings & grounds maintenance and security for the insurance of the premises and assets.

To be successful, you will have a relevant professional qualification such as RICS, RIBA, MBIFM, or MIMechE, as well as professional qualifications in the area of Estates Management. In addition, you will be able to demonstrate considerable and successful estates management experience. You will have demonstrable experience of managing change with a commitment to continuous improvement, as well as having direct experience of line managing staff, budgets and resource management.

Computer literate, with analytical & evaluation skills, you will have the ability to assess the future financial viability of projects and development opportunities, have a high level of interpersonal skills and the ability to influence and work with colleagues across the College.

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To be successful, you will have a closely relevant professional qualification, such as a Postgraduate qualification in project management, or equivalent experience of public sector construction. In addition, you will be able to demonstrate detailed understanding of the financial and contractual management of construction projects, and the ability to think strategically to lead and advocate on complex projects. You will also have negotiation skills, and the ability to work to deadlines and to lead and motivate a team.

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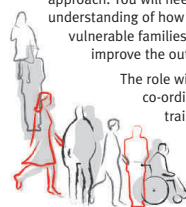
Children's Centre Community Involvement Workers

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We are seeking to recruit Community Involvement Workers to work in a number of Children's Centres across Kent. The successful candidates will work as part of multi-agency teams, raising awareness in the community about the range of services on offer in the centres. For those families who do not use the Children's Centres, you will provide important information and access to services. You will ensure that the views of children and their families and those of the wider community are sought and included in the development of services in the Children's Centres.

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We are seeking to appoint Children's Centre Managers in a number of Children's Centres across Kent. You will need to lead an integrated team to work in partnership with parents and carers and a range of partners and organisations across Kent to meet the specific needs of children under five and their families.

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Both posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

To find out more please contact Stacey Joyce on 01622 626685 or email: stacey.joyce@kent.gov.uk. For an application pack, please contact Kym Hobson on 01622 605788 or email: kym.hobson@kent.gov.uk quoting the appropriate reference.

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37 hrs per week, salary: £36,188 per annum Post Ref: 0806/KoS

We are seeking an experienced and talented individual to take responsibility for the strategic and general management of the college's marketing and communications, to establish, lead and manage a multi-disciplinary marketing and communications team; providing strategic vision and direction to ensure that the college's goals are met.

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Faculty Head Engineering & Construction

37 hrs per week, salary no less than £40,622 per annum Post Ref: FHEC1/KoS

We are seeking an individual of the highest calibre to help achieve our goal of being one of the best FE College by 2010.

You will be responsible for the operational delivery of the strategic plan within the Engineering & Construction Faculty, and will ensure a quality provision and suitable curriculum development to aid the learner experience. You will also play a key role in contributing to the development of the College's strategic & development plans, and will lead and inspire a team of Section Managers.

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Kent currently has 20 Children's Centres throughout the county - with plans to increase this to 72 by 2008. Each centre serves approximately 800 children, offering a range of multi-agency services, with a qualified teacher contributing to the strategic development and direction.

You will be outstanding and experienced practitioners, possessing excellent interpersonal and communication skills as these will be crucial to achievement in this significantly multi-agency, cross sector environment.

Kent is seeking to appoint candidates on a part time basis to work in one centre, or alternatively on a full time basis to work across two centres.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

If you would like further information about these posts, please contact in the first instance Stacey Joyce on 01622 626685 or email stacey.joyce@kent.gov.uk

For an application pack, please contact Kym Hobson on 01622 605788 or email: kym.hobson@kent.gov.uk

Please quote the relevant reference for the location(s) you wish to apply for:

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Shepway (ref: CFE/07/0460) Swale (ref: CFE/07/0461),
Thanet (ref: CFE/07/0462)

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Lovell left in the dark as lights fail

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Ashford Town 0-0 Chatham Town (match abandoned at half-time)

A PARTIAL floodlight failure forced an abandonment at The Homelands, leaving Steve Lovell still searching for his first win in charge at Ashford Town.

Half the lights at one end of the ground failed to come on at half-time, leaving the decision in the hands of the managers and the referee. Lovell wanted to continue, but – to the frustration of the home fans – Chatham Town boss Steve Binks, whose side were due to defend the poorly-lit goalmouth, did not want to play on.

Lovell said: "I'm very frustrated but Steve Binks has a point. It's a shame but that's what happens in football. The referee has made a decision, you can't do anything about it so we will just get on with it."

The early finish means three of the last four games at The Homelands have been abandoned, leaving the Nuts and Bolts with a backlog of fixtures to play in the New Year.

Despite dominating the possession, the hosts struggled to carve out any clear-cut chances in the first half. Jimmy Bottle was lively down the left flank and the front two of Mark Lovell and Paul Jones linked up well, but Chatham created the two best chances of the match – hitting the crossbar after one attack.

Steve Lovell said: "We will keep battling on, I'm quite happy with the way things are progressing. It takes time but all the new boys are coming in and performing admirably so it's a lot better and I'm a lot happier with the squad now."

Ashford now face a daunting festive period, starting with a trip to Kingstonian on Saturday, before games against Dover Athletic and Sittingbourne between Christmas and New Year.



Picture: IGOR ALPICO

ABANDONED: A floodlight failure forced the referee to abandon Saturday's clash - and leave the fixtures piling up for Town

Reeves puts new bike to the test

SIDECAR RACING

WORLD Sidecar Champion Tim Reeves has tested a new bike that he hopes will conquer the Isle of Man TT.

The Tenterden-based racer, announced two weeks ago that he is to compete in the notorious contest after receiving an offer to drive one of team chief Steve Webster's machines.

In order to race, Reeves and team-mate Patrick Farrance will have to learn to race a new F2 machine, which is slower than their old F1 bike.

Despite a lack of sleep after jetting off to Spain immediately after attending the Sport Personality of the Year show in Birmingham, he managed to put in a number of laps on the new bike.

At the end of the first day of testing, Reeves posted times just short of the Cartagena lap record. He said: "It's a funny little thing compared to my usual outfit, but it doesn't appear to be a lot slower. I soon settled to the different handling and felt quite at home on it. Of course Patrick has raced an F2 for years and immediately gelled with it."

It will be a busy season for the three-time world champion next season. As well as com-



NEW MACHINE: Three time world champion Tim Reeves and passenger Patrick Farrance on their new bike at the Cartagena circuit

peting in the Isle of Man TT for the first time, the pair are considering competing in the British F2 championship in addition to the

British and F1 series.

The week-long Isle of Man TT event will begin on May 31.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Barham bombs in the sun at South African Open

BENN Barham had his weekend cut short as he failed to make the cut at the South African Open at Western Cape.

The Ashford golfer hoped to carry his form from a tied 45th finish at the Alfred Dunhill Championship a week before.

But a nine-over par first round cost the Chart Hills' golfer.

The deficit proved too much and he was unable to make the cut to play the final 36 holes.

Third victory is a decisive win over Sittingbourne

ASHFORD RFC secured their third win of the season with a 21-7 victory over high flying Sittingbourne.

The result strengthens their position in Kent One moving them four points clear of the relegation zone.

Ashford have a break from league action in their next game, when they take on Cranbrook in a friendly on Saturday, December 29.

They will continue their Kent 1 season on January 5, when they take on bottom of the league Askeans, who they beat 44-0 last month.

Reserves triumph in nine goal thriller against Wells

THE Nuts and Bolts reserves were involved in a nine goal thriller on Saturday, as they claimed a 5-4 win against Tunbridge Wells.

The result moves Ashford Town back into third in division two in the Kent League, just a point ahead of Greenwich Borough.

The Wells are now just seven points ahead of Ashford following the defeat. Town have a break from Kent League action for the next two weeks, but will continue their season on Saturday, January 5.

Green are aiming high for next league game

KENT County League side Bromley Green hope to climb the league when they face bottom of the league Crockenhill this Saturday.

Green have had a mixed season so far, recording just four wins from their 12 games. However, they have games in hand on other teams in the Premier Division.

A win against Crockenhill could see Green rise to tenth position with 17 points. If they win their games in hand they could go fifth.

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